

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-7, 12-13, 16-23, 28-29, and 32-46 are pending in the instant application. The Applicant has amended claims 1, 16, 32, 35-39, 41-42, and 44-45 to correct for minor informalities. The Applicant has cancelled the objected to claim 18, as well as the rejected claims 17, 19-23, 28-29, 40 and 46 without prejudice. In total, claims 8-11, 14-15, 17-31, 40, and 46 are now cancelled. New claim 47 has been added, which corresponds to the objected to claim 18. Claims 1-7, 12-13, 16, 32-39 and 41-45 have been allowed.

The Applicant expressly reserves the right to prosecute any of the cancelled claims in a subsequent continuation application.

Based on at least the foregoing, the Applicant believes that all pending claims 1-7, 12-13, 16, 32-39, 41-45, and 47 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner disagrees, the Applicant respectfully requests a telephone interview, and requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned Attorney at (312) 775-8093.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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